

## W. Germans expelled from camp

STADTALLENDORF, West Germany (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) expelled five West German relief workers from a refugee camp near Sidon early Friday, their relief organisation said. The PLO had urged members of the Asma Humantitas agency to leave Sidon, saying it could no longer guarantee their safety after two of their colleagues were abducted in the port city on Tuesday night. Asma Humantitas administrator Dagmar Neckmetsch told a news conference the agency felt it could no longer continue its work in Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon. The five expelled workers were staying in a villa near Sidon belonging to Asma Humantitas, Neckmetsch said. She had no news of missing colleagues Heinrich Stroebig and Thomas Kemper. Abdallah Frangi, the PLO representative in Bonn, told a radio interviewer Friday that if it was approached by Bonn, the PLO was prepared to help negotiate the release of Stroebig and Kemper. Frangi distanced himself from Asma Humantitas, saying the PLO had originally welcomed its offer of medical help for Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon but the cooperation ran into difficulties.

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## King: Israeli plan for elections is stalling tactic

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AMMAN — The Israeli proposal for Palestinian elections, in its present form, constitutes an attempt by the Israeli leadership to stall for time in order to avoid taking a positive step towards the Palestinians, His Majesty King Hussein said Thursday.

"My suspicions are very much alive... that the prime minister in Israel and the Israeli cabinet is really trying to find a way out from the situation they face and a way to waste time and avoid the tremendous pressure that is building up on them to make a positive move towards the Palestinians," the King told reporters shortly after Oman's Sultan Qaboos bin Said's departure Thursday afternoon after a three-day visit.

Palestinian self-determination, the King said, is a question of pride. "A sacred goal for the Palestinian people," the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), under the leadership of its Chairman Yasser Arafat, is capable of expressing itself on the issue, the King said in response to a question on the election proposal by

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir earlier this month.

"I would not contradict myself by suggesting that all of us Arabs should give them maximum support for the position as it has evolved at the PNC (Palestine National Council) and at the U.N., the King said in reference to the PNC's declaration in November of an independent Palestinian state and Arafat's recognition in December of Israel's right to exist.

King Hussein expressed satisfaction at Egypt's readmittance into the Arab World, a move crystallised last week when Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak received an invitation to attend the extraordinary Arab Summit scheduled to be held in the Moroccan city of Casablanca May 23-24.

"I am not only hopeful, I am very happy indeed that finally we are where we should have always been... that Egypt and the entire Arab World are... facing their destiny and their future as one people," King Hussein said. "We have finally overcome the effects of a very sad period of Arab history," he added.

Asked whether Sultan Qaboos

had pledged or offered the Kingdom financial assistance, the King said: "His Majesty is as interested in our problems as we are... he has always been generous and concerned."

The King said his talks with Sultan Qaboos, which covered developments in Arab affairs and next week's Arab summit, as "friendly and successful."

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King and Sultan Qaboos had discussed various Arab and international issues and had stressed their concern for the success of next week's Arab summit and its tackling of Arab issues, foremost among them the Palestine issue so that the Palestinian people may exercise their right to live in freedom and independence.

Petra said the two leaders also stressed the necessity to achieve an Arab position that would allow Lebanon to achieve national harmony and to end its 15-year-old conflict. It said the two leaders also agreed on the necessity to intensify efforts that would turn the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran into a lasting peace between the two countries.

Sultan Qaboos' visit to Jordan



King Hussein of Jordan.

came as part of an Arab and European tour which also took him to Kuwait and Egypt.

Seeing Sultan Qaboos off at the airport were King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal, Prime Minister Sharif Zaid bin Shaker, Upper House Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi, the King's Political Advisor Adnan Abu Odeh, the King's Personal Advisor Amer Khamash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd bin Zaid and a number of civil and military officials, in addition to Arab ambassadors in Amman and the Omani Ambassador to Jordan.

Upon his departure, Sultan Qaboos sent a cable to King Hussein, thanking him for the hospitality he and his accompanying delegation were awarded during their stay in the Kingdom.

## 4 protesters shot dead, 20 injured in Gaza

## 3 Palestinians, Israeli soldier killed in gunbattle

First clash involving firearms in uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Seven Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were reported killed Friday in clashes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The soldier died in the Israeli military's first firefight with villagers in the Palestinian uprising.

Three Palestinians were killed and a high-ranking Israeli officer was seriously wounded in the battle in the West Bank, the army said. Six other soldiers suffered light wounds.

The battle, in which Palestinians threw a grenade and fired automatic weapons, occurred in Beit Ula, a village of 1,500 about 25 kilometres southwest of Jerusalem. Troops sealed Beit Ula, stopping foreign journalists at the nearby village of Halhoul.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, troops shot dead four Palestinians and wounded at least nine in a clash with residents of Rafah village, doctor's at Gaza City's Nasr

Hospital and U.N. officials said. One of the dead was a woman aged about 50.

It was one of the bloodiest days of the 17-month-old uprising. Palestinians said the Rafah clash erupted after youths broke a Gaza-wide curfew to confront soldiers carrying out arrests.

Israeli Radio stations said troops involved in the Beit Ula clash were called by a collaborator reporting that shots were being fired at his house.

In Damascus, a breakaway faction of the Palestinian Fatah group led by Abu Musa said its fighters had been involved in the clash.

Israeli sources confirmed this. The army said it had long been hunting the three Palestinians, killed in Beit Ula, wanted for killing an Arab suspected of helping Israeli forces.

The gunbattle in the remote village of 3,800 people erupted after 11 soldiers in three jeeps responded to a midnight call from a collaborator in a nearby village who reported shooting, sources said.

Troops chased a white Peugeot car which refused to stop when waved down, said an army spokesman.

"After about 100 metres, it stopped and its occupants got out and opened fire with an M-16 rifle and an Uzi sub-machinegun while throwing at least one hand-grenade."

"As a result they killed one soldier, seriously wounded the battalion commander and slightly wounded six more of our men. Our return fire killed all three," he said.

In Tunis, the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation (PLO) said its policy against Palestinians using firearms in their battle against Israeli occupation had not changed.

The clash brought an immediate call from right-wing trade minister Ariel Sharon for Israel to ditch its plan for elections in the occupied areas, now being pushed in Washington by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"We are at war and everyone must understand that," said Sharon, architect of Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon who strongly opposes the initiative.

Also Friday, Israeli troops arrested about 100 Palestinian activists in the Gaza Strip, including Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, 52, the spiritual leader of the Muslim fundamentalist movement Hamas, reports said.

In the West Bank village of Surif, the army blew up two homes of Palestinians allegedly involved in attacks on soldiers during an army raid of the village Wednesday night, the army said.

## Marcos said near death

HONOLULU (AP) — Deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was in critical condition in a Honolulu hospital Friday following kidney, cardiac and pulmonary failure, hospital officials said.

His successor, President Corason Aquino, said Friday in Manila she would not permit Marcos to return to the Philippines to die or be buried, despite a radio appeal from Marcos' wife, Imelda.

Marcos, 71, suffered kidney failure Thursday morning and underwent surgery to prepare him for kidney dialysis, according to Gené Tivnan, assistant administrator at St. Francis Medical Centre.

Mrs. Marcos was by her husband's bedside early Friday morning, said Joe Lazo, a family friend. The couple's son, Ferdinand Jr., and Marcos' sister, Fortuna Barba, were also at the hospital, and the Marcos' daughter, Irene Araneta, was en route from her home in California, he said.

Marcos was conscious before the operation and was lapsing in and out of consciousness later, said a hospital source who asked not to be identified.

Doctors characterised his condition as "touch and go," the source said.

The former president also had pneumonia and other severe infections and was being treated with antibiotics and heart medication, said Dr. Azucena Ignacio, an internist at St. Francis and one of Marcos' personal physicians.

In a statement broadcast in the Philippines Friday by pro-Marcos radio station DZEC, Mrs. Marcos said she tried repeatedly to telephone Aquino from Hawaii, but was told the president was busy.

Aquino's secretary, her daughter Maria Elena Cruz, said the president had received no calls from Marcos.

"My countrymen, I am appealing to each and every one of you to pray that hopefully, Mrs. Aquino will know that the bringing home of Marcos will bring true reconciliation, true peace and unity for our country," Imelda said in her broadcast statement.

In a related development, Marcos' lawyer, Juan David, asked the Philippine supreme court Friday to order the former president's return to the country to take over the administration. The court rejected the appeal later Friday.

Mrs. Aquino told reporters Friday that she was sorry to hear of Marcos' deteriorating condition.



Doctors administer emergency treatment to Chinese students who collapsed after a week of hunger-strike for democracy.

## Peking orders troops to break up protests

PEKING (Agencies) — The government ordered army troops into the capital Saturday to try to end more than a month of student protests that have shaken the communist leadership.

Premier Li Peng did not use the term "martial law" in describing the steps he was taking to quell the student-led protests, but troops appeared ready to move against the demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

Residents reported troops poised on a main street near the city centre and said some were entering the downtown by subway. A student who ran to the student protesters' encampment on central Tiananmen Square from the west said he saw 10 to 15 trucks immobilised in the street by residents.

Protesting students in the

square who heard the announcement said they were going back on a hunger strike they had suspended Friday and would stay in the square. No troops had arrived in the square more than an hour after the broadcast began.

Li made the nationally televised announcement before several thousand at the Great Hall of the People, the national seat of government that adjoins the square where student demonstrators were encamped.

The protesters drowned out the broadcast for several minutes by singing "The Internationale," the song of the world communist movement, then began chanting, "Li Peng, step down."

Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, whose sympathy for the students was evident and who reportedly ten-

dered his resignation earlier Friday, was not immediately seen.

Student demonstrators in the capital's main Tiananmen Square, the heart of the protests which began last Saturday, jeered when Li's speech was relayed over loudspeakers.

The students earlier decided to end their hunger strike but tens of thousands of students and supporters remained in the square, many joining hands and vowing to sit down in non-violence resistance when troops arrive.

Motorised columns of troops, at least two immobilised by protesters who have surrounded the square, massed near the capital's centre, Reuters correspondents said.

Li accused a "tiny minority of agitators" of manipulating the protest movement

## U.S. said taking soft approach to Shamir plan

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Washington will not press Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to spell out details of his proposals for Palestinian elections while Shamir is still trying to sell them to his Likud Party, a foreign ministry official said Friday.

He said the United States realised Likud could torpedo the Israeli plan for elections in occupied territories if Shamir were forced to make concessions demanded by Palestinians.

Likud's 2,600-member central committee votes on it next month.

The initiative makes no mention of Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, international supervision of the elections or participation in the vote by Arab Jerusalem's 140,000 Palestinians. All are demanded by local Palesti-

nians and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"The Americans understand and will not put on any pressure until the Likud vote. They realise that any pushing here, any answer they might get, will make the idea less attractive to Likud," said the official.

Israel's Likud-Labour coalition government approved the plan 20 to six Sunday despite the Likud opposition. But a Shamir aide said the prime minister would resign if his party rejected the initiative.

In an effort to win over the Likud opposition, Shamir vowed Wednesday that Israel would never give the Palestinians "a single centimetre" of the occupied territories.

Shimon Peres, Israel's vice-premier and head of the more dovish Labour Party, said the

principle of trading occupied land for peace was still his party's policy.

In Washington, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said Friday it would "take some time" to implement elections.

At a breakfast meeting with reporters, he appealed for Egypt to attend without preconditions a summit with Israel and the United States as a first step in his government's four-point plan.

He also called on the United States to lead a \$2-billion effort by industrialised countries to "improve living conditions" for 300,000 Palestinians in refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza.

Arens, who met Secretary of State James Baker and other senior U.S. officials Thursday, insisted that Baker "pledged his wholehearted support for the initiative."

## Lebanon panel meets Sunday

TUNIS (Agencies) — Six Arab foreign ministers mediating in the Lebanese conflict will meet in Casablanca Sunday, a day later than previously planned, an Arab League official said Friday.

League Assistant Secretary General Adnan Omran said the league postponed the meeting to give the ministers time to arrive and because they preferred to meet nearer the opening of an Arab summit in the Moroccan city Tuesday.

The committee of ministers — from Kuwait, Sudan, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates — have been trying since February to resolve a constitutional crisis in Lebanon, which has two rival governments.

At the meeting the committee's chairman, Kuwaiti Foreign

Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, will detail efforts to consolidate a ceasefire that began last week.

The league hopes to send some 320 observers to monitor the ceasefire between army commander Major-General Michel Aoun and Syrian troops and their Lebanese militia allies.

The U.S. embassy in Beirut Friday advised Americans to "depart Lebanon immediately."

"The United States government wishes to advise all American citizens remaining in Lebanon that because of the threat posed by the security situation they are strongly advised to depart Lebanon immediately," the embassy said in a press release.

"American citizens are advised that they are responsible them-

selves for arranging their departure from Lebanon," the release said.

It said the American embassy was "not in a position to arrange transportation of citizens from Lebanon."

A spokesman for Aoun's command, speaking on condition he not be named, said his troops were exchanging machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades with Syrian and allied forces on the Souq Al Gharb front southeast of Beirut.

No casualties were reported, but "they fire on us and we fire on them. This hasn't stopped despite the Arab League-sponsored ceasefire," the spokesman told the Associated Press by telephone.



Ciriaco de Mita

## Italian government resigns

ROME (Agencies) — Christian Democrat Premier Ciriaco de Mita resigned Friday after repeated sniping by the Socialists, his main partner in the 13-month-old coalition government.

De Mita turned in his resignation as head of Italy's 48th post-war government to President Francesco Cossiga, who asked him to stay on in a caretaker capacity.

The political negotiations aimed at forming a new coalition could take weeks.

De Mita announced his resignation after an urgent cabinet meeting requested by his main political foe, Bettino Craxi, a former premier who leads the Socialists.

In a closing speech at the Socialist convention in Milan earlier in the day, Craxi said a "political and procedural clarification" about the coalition was needed immediately.

Cossiga's quinquennial palace said in a statement that the president had reserved his decision on whether to accept the resignation — a normal formula — and asked De Mita to stay in power to handle outstanding government business.

De Mita told reporters his resignation had become necessary after statements made at the Socialist party congress, but said the rift in the coalition had become apparent before then.

Speaking after his meeting with Cossiga, he said he hoped the crisis would be solved swiftly.

"I hope that a new pact in conditions of political loyalty can put an end as soon as possible to the state of uncertainty and to the difficulties that have brought us to this crisis," De Mita said.

The Socialists and Christian Democrats have been squabbling for weeks over a variety of issues, with Craxi and fellow party members accusing De Mita of failing to take a leadership role.

Political disunity has also been stepped up in the campaign for elections for the European Parliament next month.





Palestinians heading for a Gaza Strip checkpoint after being rounded up and ordered to return home by the Israeli occupation authorities.

## Israeli finance minister opposes Gaza closure

TEL AVIV (R) — Shimon Peres, Israel's vice premier and head of the Labour Party, has warned that new restrictions on Palestinians from the occupied territories working in Israel would incite more hatred.

Israel Thursday announced tough measures for Palestinians from the occupied Gaza Strip entering Israel, mainly aimed at screening the 60,000 Gaza Palestinians who work daily in Israel.

"To my mind we should not withhold work from residents of the territories because they will be forced into very serious economic straits," Peres said in a radio interview.

"We will be pushing them into a corner, which will cause more

and more bitterness and more and more opposition," warned Peres, who is also finance minister.

The interview took place as Peres' Labour Party debated a new government initiative calling for elections in the occupied territories.

The new entry policy, initiated by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin who is a chief party rival of Peres, will eventually apply also to Palestinians living in the West Bank, sources said.

Peres criticised a statement by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that Israel would never give up "one centimetre" of Israeli-held land. He said the principle of trading occupied land for peace is still Labour Party policy.

Rabin told Labour's Central Committee that although Shamir has insisted he will oppose trading land for peace, the initiative did not rule it out in a final settlement.

**Employment**

Rabin said this week that half the Palestinian workers inside Israel did not have official work permits.

Those with permits mostly work for big firms which register them with tax and social security authorities and pay their contributions.

Many smaller firms, to cut costs, do not declare their Palestinian workers who both get a job and pay no tax.

The average wage for non-declared workers is 400 shekels (\$215) a week, more than twice the wage paid by Palestinian employers in Gaza, workers say.

Tel Aviv municipal spokesman Benny Cohen said the city could for the present replace its non-skilled market porters and sanitation workers from Gaza with West Bank Palestinians.

"The problem is in construction where contractors have employed the same people over years and they have become semi-skilled or skilled," he said.

Major construction sites in the city were mostly idle on Thursday with the only activity that of Jewish foremen checking equipment.

## PLO ready to name group to break deadlock

TUNIS — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said here that he would be willing to name a group of Palestinians living in the occupied territories to a provisional government if that would help break the political deadlock in Israel over negotiating directly with the PLO.

"I don't want to burn this card," Arafat said Tuesday (May 17) during a 2½-hour middle-of-the-night interview with The Washington Post. "If they (the Israelis) say no to the PLO, maybe they will accept this provisional government to facilitate some steps" towards reaching a

settlement.

PLO officials are known to regard a provisional government as a potentially critical vehicle for opening negotiations with Israel. In one often-formulated negotiating scenario, elections in the occupied territories could produce a new slate of Palestinian representatives whom Arafat could name to a provisional Palestinian government.

These representatives could then open "confidence-building" negotiations with Israel in the name of the PLO on internal issues of security and economic cooperation. Such preliminary talks could lead to negotiations

on the final status of Palestinian independence in a state confederated with Jordan, according to one Palestinian scenario.

For the moment, Arafat said, it is not possible to name a provisional government because that would endanger the security of Palestinians living in the occupied territories whose leadership must be recognised by the PLO.

In interviews here, diplomatic sources said the U.S.-PLO dialogue begun last December is stalled for now because the PLO has failed to respond to the Israeli proposal, which was transmitted to PLO officials here April 17 by U.S. ambassador Robert Pellet-

reau following Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to Washington.

"The ball is really in their court," a Western diplomat said. "The Americans want to see more from the PLO on Shamir's ideas."

But a senior PLO official involved in the dialogue disagreed with the American assessment, saying the PLO has received nothing that could be called an Israeli election plan other than the U.S. notification that Israel intended to hold elections and that Washington considered it a good idea — The Washington Post.

## Sweden calls for Israel-PLO dialogue

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs Sten Andersson has urged that a dialogue between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) should begin as soon as possible in order to prevent the extremists on both sides from subverting the peace process into a violent confrontation.

Speaking before the National Press Club Wednesday on Sweden's role in world affairs, Andersson answered questions on his country's involvement in the Middle East peace process, notably its role in helping to set the stage for the current dialogue between the PLO and the United States.

The minister said that in his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker later in the day he expected to discuss "how to find a formula for fair and free

elections on the West Bank and Gaza" which would be acceptable to both the PLO and Israel.

Andersson stressed that the role of Sweden in the Middle East peace process is part of a "silent diplomacy" which is trying to get Israel and the PLO as well as the Arab countries in the region to set the stage for negotiations through "a lot of talking and arm twisting."

He said as part of this "silent diplomacy," the Egyptian foreign minister would be visiting Stockholm June 11-12 followed by the Tunisian foreign minister later in the month. Also, he said several Israeli leaders have been invited but have not yet responded. The foreign minister said he will be visiting Jordan with the Swedish king and queen in September. He stressed that the Middle East peace process "must be assisted

from outside."

Commenting on the Israeli proposal on elections on the West Bank and Gaza, Andersson said although elections were the first step in the peace process, "it is necessary to find a formula acceptable to both parties." As such, he didn't think that the current proposal "is such a formula yet." However, he hoped that elections would be eventually held.

On Sweden's actions as a "middleman" in the Middle East peace process, Andersson said "the role of Sweden differs from party to party." He explained that "two of the three parties" (the United States and the PLO) are interested in Sweden's active role while in the third party (Israel) there are some people who are "very interested," Andersson said that Sweden

would "help build bridges of understanding," to dispel the "mistrust" between the PLO and Israel. He concluded: "The sooner they start talking, the better."

Andersson said while "the forces for peace have been strengthened on the Arab and also on the Israeli side" he fears there are "increasing tendencies of a polarisation."

However, he termed the ongoing U.S.-PLO dialogue as "substantive" and of "fundamental value" to the peace process.

The foreign minister also commented on Sweden's active role in the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East and Namibia. He said Sweden is actively engaged in the international efforts to end apartheid in South Africa and to win independence for the people of Namibia.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fahd to visit U.S. in July

NICOSIA (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia will visit the United States in July on his first official trip to Washington in four years, the royal court said Thursday. The king had accepted an invitation to visit Washington so he could cement traditionally close ties and renew his personal friendship with President George Bush, a statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency said. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the visit would start on July 27 but did not give its duration. During his visit, the king is expected to discuss Riyadh's military needs and efforts to end the Arab-Israeli conflict. King Fahd's last visit to Washington, in February 1985, was the first by a Saudi monarch since the late King Faisal went to the United States in 1971.

### Wounded Lebanese treated in Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP) — More than 70 Lebanese seriously wounded in the latest spate of violence arrived in Kuwait Thursday for treatment at Kuwaiti hospitals, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. The 71 Lebanese patients, accompanied by 25 of their relatives, were flown from Damascus airport aboard a specially-equipped Kuwaiti Boeing 747. They were ferried by ambulances Wednesday from west Beirut to a Syrian border point where they were received by Kuwait's ambassador to Syria, Ahmad Al Jaseem, the Kuwaiti commander of the Arab observer force, Ali Al Momen, and a Kuwaiti medical team who travelled from Kuwait for the purpose. An official statement said that another Kuwaiti airliner would fly over the coming week to Larnaca, Cyprus, to bring in another batch of Lebanese nationals, this time from east Beirut.

### Iranian envoy in Turkey to leave post

ANKARA (R) — Iran's ambassador to Ankara, recalled to Tehran in a diplomatic row last month, is to leave his post permanently, the Turkish foreign ministry said Thursday. A statement also said Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati would visit Turkey May 26 with a message from

Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi for Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal. "Ambassador (Manoochehr) Mottaki will be returning to Turkey in coming days to make preparations for his final return to Iran," it said. It did not say if Iran had named a replacement. "Ambassador Mottaki is expected to leave Turkey together with Besharati," the statement said. Turkey recalled its ambassador to Tehran April 3 for consultations after accusing Iran of meddling in its internal affairs. Iran recalled Mottaki the same day. Iranians had protested over a Turkish court ban on Muslim-style headscarves worn on university campuses.

### Egyptian court recommends death for 19

SUEZ, Egypt (R) — An Egyptian court Thursday recommended the death penalty for 19 foreigners convicted in January of drug smuggling, court officials said. Egypt's grand mufti will review the recommendation on the smugglers, 10 of whom were arrested in July on a boat carrying four tonnes of opium, two tonnes of hashish and 300 kilograms of heroin from Pakistan. Four of those arrested were Sudanese, two were Bangladeshi, one Kenyan, one Tanzanian, one Indian and one Somali. The drug ring's masterminds, two Lebanese and a Pakistani, were arrested later. The other six defendants — an American, two Lebanese, two Palestinians and an Israeli — were still at large and were convicted in their absence, the court officials said. The drugs were bound via Egypt for Europe and the United States, the officials said. The court will pass sentence July 4.

### Four die in SLA shelling

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Pro-Israeli militiamen shelled the southern Lebanese port of Sidon Thursday, killing three adults and a baby, security and hospital sources said. They said three other people were wounded when the South Lebanon Army (SLA) fired six shells at Sidon and outlying areas. The city had been spared attack in the bombardment which has hammered Beirut and other areas since mid-March. Many people fled to Sidon to escape the shelling of Beirut. The SLA threatened Wednesday to shell Sidon unless the Popular Liberation Army (PLA), which controls the area, supplied flour for thousands of people in the border "security zone" patrolled by the SLA and Israeli troops.

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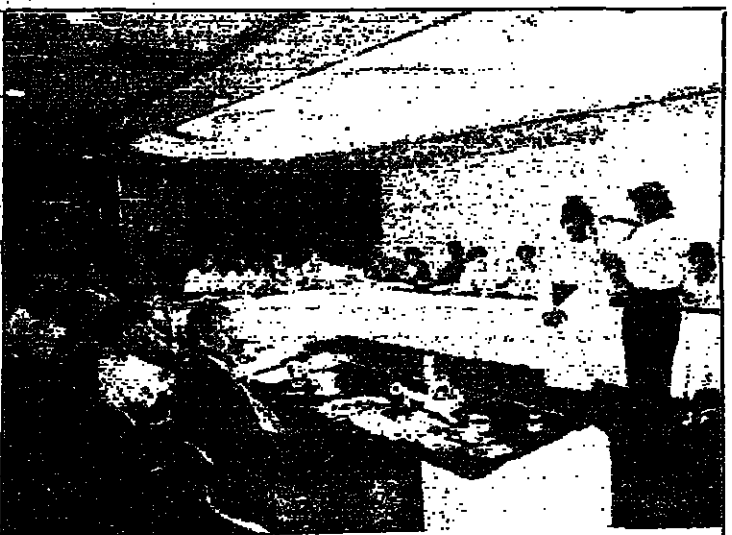


(Above) His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan confers with Prince Khaled and (below) His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein bids the Saudi prince farewell (Petra photos).



### Prince Khaled ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Saudi Air Defence Commander Prince Khaled Ibn Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz has wound up a five-day visit to Jordan and left for home. Prince Khaled was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on the last day of his visit here and the two princes discussed developing Saudi-Jordanian cooperation by concerned organisations in the two countries. During his visit here Prince Khaled toured a number of military and economic positions and held meetings with senior officials and high ranking army officers as well as the commander of the Jordanian Royal Air Force. Upon his departure, Prince Khaled was seen off by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid and senior officials.



### Wella France seminar in Jordan

JORDAN has been chosen as the venue of a unique seminar for 25 leading French hairdressers. This workshop, lasting for a full week, is organised by Wella France, for some of its outstanding clients.

The group arrived in Amman Wednesday, May 17, and was welcomed at Regency Palace Hotel by a reception organised by Lawrence Tours, and attended by members of the Wella organisation in Jordan.

The seminar was initiated by Mr. Thierry Tixier, director of seminars of Wella Paris on Thursday morning. This was followed by a demonstration on the latest artistic trends, by Mr. Guy Noel

Baquey, Wella artistic director. Mr. Baquey showed the new line of hairdressing that he coined "Jordanie".

On Saturday the time of the participants will be divided between visiting the highlights of Jerash, and watching the working techniques of Mr. Marcel Geymann, who is the person responsible for sales at Wella Paris. The visit to Amman will be highlighted by a Gala dinner held Saturday evening.

The group will then move down to Aqaba for four days to enjoy the sun and relax on the southern beaches, returning back home next Thursday.

### AMSB recognises Palestinian hospitals as training centres

AMMAN (Petra) — Palestinian hospitals in the occupied Arab territories are now recognised by the Arab Medical Specialisation Board (AMSB) as training centres for obstetricians and gynaecologists, according to an announcement here Friday.

The announcement was made by Dr. Aref Al Bataineh, director to the King Hussein Medical Centre who has been elected chairman of AMSB's scientific council for the coming four years and an observer member of the AMSB

executive board.

Bataineh said that the Jordanian Medical Board will be an authority to provide information on the hospitals in the occupied territories and will organise examinations in Amman for the AMSB members. According

to Bataineh 40 doctors will sit for the AMSB examination in October, and they will come from Jordan, Bahrain, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Libya, Kuwait and Iraq.

### Governors transferred

AMMAN (Petra) — Governors of four provinces in Jordan have been transferred to other areas in accordance with a decision taken by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salem Masaadeh.

According to the new arrangements, Eid Qataneh will become governor of Maan, Fayez Abbadi will be governor of Karak, Mohammad Shobaki will be governor of Zarqa and Jamal Momani will become governor of Mafrq.

### WHO to study Palestinians' health conditions — Malhas

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zuhair Malhas returned to Amman Thursday evening after taking part in the annual meeting of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Geneva.

One of the main topics discussed by the WHO's 42nd meeting Malhas said, was the general living and health condition of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories. The WHO meeting has unanimously agreed that a full study on the subject

will be made with a view to improving the Palestinian people's conditions and to providing them with medical assistance, Malhas noted.

He said that the question of including Palestine as a WHO member was also taken up by the annual meeting.

The WHO has given the fight against smoking a special attention and endorsed May 31 as an international non-smoking day, with special attention to be given

to the mothers in view of the great harm to their children resulting from smoking, Malhas noted.

The minister said that he attended Arab health ministers meetings in Geneva which decided on restoring Egypt's membership to the Arab Health Ministers Council. The Arab health ministers, Malhas said, also approved Egypt's hosting of the council's fifth meeting in Cairo in the coming year.

### Anti-narcotics conference calls on Arab states to sign U.N. agreement

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A three-day conference by Arab departments in charge of combating drug smuggling and addiction in the Arab World has concluded in Amman, with the participants recommending that all Arab states should sign a United Nations agreement on combating the trade of illicit products and drugs.

The conference's statement issued Thursday urged Arab

ministers of interior to take action in this matter and to define certain dangerous types of drugs so that proper action can be taken in Arab markets to protect the public health.

It urged Arab states also to conclude bilateral and pan-Arab agreements that would help combat drug trafficking operations within the Arab region and to hold periodic meetings for con-

cerned authorities on border posts in the bid to control cross-border smuggling.

The statement urged Arab states to highlight the danger of drugs through their media especially television.

The conference was attended by 15 Arab countries which discussed cooperation in combating the danger of drugs in the Arab World.

### U.N. fact-finding mission due soon

AMMAN (Petra) — A fact-finding mission will be dispatched by the United Nations to the Middle East region shortly to investigate Israel's human rights violations in the occupied Arab territories and examine Palestinians' living conditions under Israeli rule, according to Dr. Mahmoud Saeed head of a team from the U.N. press office now on a visit to Jordan and the Arab region.

Saeed said that the fact-finding mission, which will visit the occupied territories in the course of its task, will group representatives of Senegal, Yugoslavia and Sri Lanka.

Saeed who has met with cabinet members and toured Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan held meetings with senior officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and inspected services to the refugees in Jordan.

His team which represents leading newspapers from Europe, Asia and America will

submit a report to the head of the U.N. press office which initiated the team's tour in the region, Saeed said.

He said that the U.N. sends missions to the Middle East area on regular basis to gather information about the situation in the occupied Arab lands so that reports will be presented to the U.N. General Assembly to help it arrive at resolutions to bring about a just settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The team which groups journalists from the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, Japan, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Sweden and West Germany has already visited Syria and Jordan in the course of its current tour and had earlier met with Palestine President Yasser Arafat and the Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi in Tunis.

At a meeting with Labour Minister Jamal Badar the mission members heard more facts about Israel's malpractices against the

Palestinian workers and their trade and labour unions in the occupied territories.

Badar spoke of Israel's continued measures to try to uproot the Palestinian people by destroying their socio-economic infrastructure and Israel's confiscation of Arab territory to set up Jewish settlements.

### Ministry to reduce cost of farm equipment

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture will do all it can to help reduce the cost of farm equipment and other materials to help Jordanian food producers increase their output, and welcomes any investments in agricultural processing industries in Jordan, Agriculture Minister Adnan Badran said at a meeting Thursday.

The minister said everything possible will be done to streamline the agricultural production process and to ease bottlenecks in the process of marketing Jordan's products.

The meeting was attended by the president and members of the board of the Agricultural Engineers Association (AEA) whom the minister requested to come up with proposals to help promote the production and marketing processes.

According to official statistics, Jordan on Thursday exported 2,900 tonnes of vegetables to different destinations. The figures were read out at the meet-

ing which was attended by the Ministry of Agriculture's Secretary General Salem Al Lawzi.

On Thursday, Dr. Badran met with a visiting team from the Soviet Academy of Sciences and discussed Jordanian Soviet cooperation in the production of apple and stone fruit trees in Jordan.

The minister briefed the team on various experiments being carried out at agricultural stations in Jordan for the production of improved strains of crops and trees and referred to the ministry's endeavours to set up wildlife reserves to protect animals and birds threatened with extinction.

Referring to the agricultural situation in Jordan, Badran said that the Ministry of Agriculture is determined to carry out plans designed to increase lean meat production and cereals to meet the growing demand in the local markets.

The Soviet team expressed readiness to launch cooperation with Jordan in these fields.

### 3 N. African artists

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, an exhibition of three North African painters opens Saturday at the Scientific Cultural Centre, Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, in cooperation with the Institute of the Arab World in Paris.

The exhibition includes thirty-four paintings by Mohammad Kacimi, Rafik Al Kamel and Abdullah Benanteur.

The Moroccan painter Mohammad Kacimi has created a style of his own which portrays his Arab roots on the one hand, and his

openness to the world of contemporary art on the other.

Rafik Al Kamel, a Tunisian, concentrates his search on the relationship between line and colour, between the figurative and the abstract.

Finally, engraving and painting are the two basic aspects of the Algerian Abdullah Benanteur's art. He is considered as one of the most important North African painters who has contributed to the development of contemporary Arab art.

The exhibition will run until June 20, 1989.



Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker Thursday receives at the Prime Ministry heads of professional associations (Petra photo)

### Sharif Ziad receives associations heads

### Government intent on implementing King's directives

AMMAN (J.T.) — Heads of professional associations in Jordan Thursday called on Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and discussed ways of dealing with current issues in Jordan.

They voiced their support for the government's programme to introduce reform and improve the civil service function.

The heads of associations expressed satisfaction with the government's decisions concerning the easing of restrictions on the media and pledged full coopera-

tion with the government.

The prime minister heard the views of the professional associations on different matters and said that the government embarked on implementing His Majesty King Hussein's directives and was acting in accordance with comprehensive and carefully studied plans to deal with the different issues.

To execute its programmes, the prime minister said, the government requires serious efforts on

the part of the Jordanian citizens so that the country can attain self-sufficiency and increase production.

Sharif Zaid said that the government will settle all issues after careful consideration of each case and there will be no hasty decisions.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Salem Masaadeh and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim Izzeddin.

### Marking non-smoking day, May 31:

### Jordan intensifies campaign

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Jordan along with countries around the world will observe Non-smoking day on May 31 through intensified programmes, lectures, seminars and other activities to help stem the danger of smoking.

The Health Ministry announced Friday that it has prepared an intensive campaign to be launched on that day to spread awareness among members of the public against smoking and to encourage smokers to give up the habit. The campaign, the announcement said, will orient the public on Health Ministry laws and regulations against smoking in public areas and its

danger to society and national economy.

The announcement noted that several public and private organisations will take part in the nation-wide campaign which among others include the distribution of pamphlets, posters and booklets, broadcasting radio and television programmes and printing warnings in the press about the danger of smoking.

The announcement said that the Ministry of Health is coordinating its efforts with the Ministry of Education, and medical pharmacists and dentists association in Jordan which will arrange for lectures at schools, mother

and health care centres, clinics and other public places.

An exhibition depicting drawings and paintings which warn of the danger of smoking will be organised on May 31 and several articles will appear in the local press dealing with the subject, the announcement noted.

It said the activities will include a special focus on the danger posed to women smokers specially mothers.

The Health Ministry in March banned smoking in public places in implementation of a 1977 law on public health, and said that violators will be liable to strict punishment as stated under that law.



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#### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Mohammad Bolis and Munira Tawfik at the Housing Gallery.
- ★ The May art exhibition at Al Wasiti Art Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ An art exhibition by Aziz Ammouara at the Gallery Hall, Jabal Lweldak.
- ★ An exhibition entitled "Grand Projects for the State: 1979-1989" at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ A photography exhibition by British photographer and writer Jane Taylor in which 41 aerial photographs of various places in Jordan are on display at Alla Gallery.
- ★ A photography exhibition by Adib Atwan at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- ★ An art exhibition by Diana Shamounki at the Petra Bank Gallery.
- ★ An art exhibition by Ahmad Abu Othman at the Housing Bank Gallery (Friday).
- ★ An exhibition entitled "Spotlight Germany" displaying works by eleven German photographers at the Goethe Institute — 5:00 p.m.
- ★ An archaeological exhibition entitled "The Treasures of Hasma Desert" at the Department of Antiquities Registration Centre.
- ★ An art exhibition by three Arab Maghreb artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation.

#### FILMS

- ★ A Charlie Chaplin film week at Haya Cultural Centre (For more information call the centre or the British Council).

#### LECTURE

- ★ A lecture, with slides, on the restoration works of the Michelangelo's frescoes at the Sistine Chapel in Rome by Prof. Nazareno Gabrielli at the Yarmouk University — 4:00 p.m.



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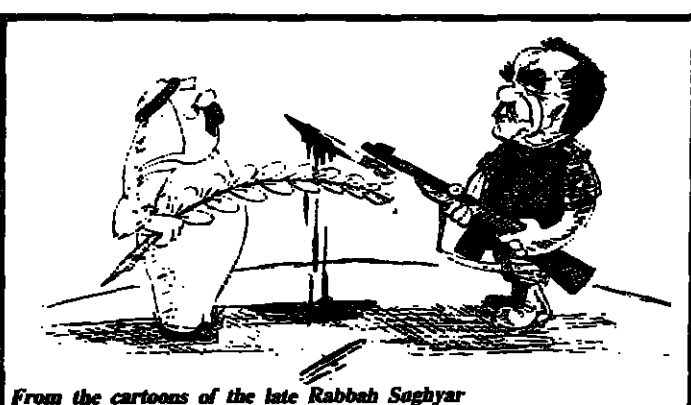
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## Shamir's illusions

HIS Majesty King Hussein has said it all when he Thursday described the Shamir election scheme in its present form as no more than an effort to waste time and to escape from the international pressure that calls for a just and honourable settlement in the Middle East. His Majesty has also summed it up perfectly well when he said that the Palestinians' exercise of their right to self-determination is at the heart of the matter and any peace plan or formula is sound only to the extent it grants the Palestinian people this inalienable right. Yet, His Majesty went on to say, the final arbiter of the Israeli election idea was, is and will always be the Palestinians themselves.

In case Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and like-minded Israelis have not heard well Jordan's firm and principled stand on the peace process in the Middle East, the latest words of King Hussein should serve as yet another reminder that Amman is not about to be lured to any Israeli schemes no matter how much they are sugar coated. Jordan has said its first and last word on this subject a long time ago and Israel and its supporters would be well advised to realise that it is not in the nature of the country to fiddle with its fundamental positions on all matters including the one that touches most directly on the Palestinian question. Much valuable time could be saved in the quest for a permanent and just peace in the Middle East if only Israel and like-minded parties would heed Jordan's words of advice.

Unfortunately there are those who pretend that they do not yet comprehend Jordan's position and continue to harbour false illusions. The sooner this cycle of illusions and false hopes disappear from Shamir's vocabulary, the sooner the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict could get on with real business of moving forward to attain the elusive peace between Israel and the Arab World. Of course the biggest illusion of all is Israel's arrogant determination to cling to Arab territories and maintain its control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip while at the same time pretending that it has a genuine peace plan to offer the Arab side. It is therefore obvious that the Israeli ruling establishment, alas, has yet to learn the true lesson of the Palestinian uprising.



From the cartoons of the late Rabbah Saghyar

## JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

JORDANIAN newspapers on Friday discussed the outcome of Sultan Qaboos' visit to Jordan and King Hussein's comments on the visit and the various Arab issues that were discussed with the Omani leader. Al Ra'i daily said that King Hussein seized the opportunity of meeting with the press at the airport to once again reiterate Jordan's determination to support the Palestinian people in their efforts to achieve freedom. The King, as the paper noted, has described Shamir's election proposals as a delaying tactic and a means to try to abort international pressures on Tel Aviv to reach a final settlement. But the King has noted that he will not act on behalf of the Palestinians and their legitimate leadership in deciding on this question, the paper added. It said that the King who discussed various issues with Sultan Qaboos expressed his satisfaction to Egypt's return to the Arab League's summit due to be held in Casablanca later this month and said that this step will contribute further to bolstering Arab ranks.

Writing in Al Ra'i, the paper's editor Rakan Al Majali says that Egypt is back in the Arab fold having now regain every inch of its land lost in the 1967 war with Israel. No one was ever pleased to see Egypt out of the Arab Nation's ranks over the past years and no one was happy about the Egyptian-Israeli agreement, the writer notes. He says that the return of Egypt is a welcome development in the Arab World and a move that would enhance the joint Arab action at all levels. What the Arabs now seek to achieve is a comprehensive settlement that provides for the return of the whole of Arab land lost to Israel in the 1967 war and the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 which ensure the rights of the Palestinians in their homeland, the writer adds. He says that Egypt's return has been welcomed by all the Arabs including Syria because it is a step that would bolster Arab efforts to achieve their national objectives.

Al Dustour for its part summed up the different points in King Hussein's statement upon seeing off Sultan Qaboos. The paper said that the King's statement reaffirmed Jordan's support for an independent Palestinian reply to Shamir's election proposal which the King described as a mere tactic to ease pressure on the Zionist state from the international community. The paper said that the Israelis are clearly trying to delay any attempt to bring about a lasting settlement and are desperately attempting to impede constructive efforts for a settlement. On Arab issues the King was clear and loud about his delight over Egypt's return to the Arab fold and its participation in the coming summit, the paper noted. It said that Egypt's return removed another trace from the sad chapters of the Arab history.

# Europe in flux: New hopes across the continent

By Jean Kirkpatrick

PARIS — In Europe, change and talk of change are everywhere.

The approach of 1992 and the new Europe, the democratisation of Hungary, Poland's new freedom, the rise of nationalist and democratic movements in the Soviet Union, Helmut Kohl's difficult and unexpected demands for the removal of short-range nuclear missiles, the British Labour Party's return from the political desert of unilateral disarmament — these and other transformations dominate the conversations of Europe's political class. There is an atmosphere of excitement and expectation.

The new Europe emerging from its long gestation will be as different as a butterfly is from a crawling caterpillar.

No one is certain about the size or shape of the new Europe, or about exactly how it will function, but its evolution is already having an impact on the politics of member states and on the imagination

of Europeans.

The opportunity to win (or preserve) political prominence through the institutions of the new Europe is attracting creative, ambitious political figures who are already busily trying to expand the scope and power of the new domain. The prospect of membership in this huge, rich market is exciting and stimulating in countries which have learned reluctantly since World War II to regard themselves as something less than powers of the first rank.

"If there can be a market of 300 million, why not a market of 600 million?" said a rising star in the French political firmament.

Why not? Chancellor Franz Vranitzky of Austria says his country is nearly ready to make a formal application for membership in the European Community. Why should not the countries of the East, as they retrieve their national independence, be part of the new Europe? The Soviet grip on Eastern

Europe has already loosened enough so that Hungary has been granted observer status at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. The economies of Eastern Europe are open enough so that there is competition for their markets and growing Western participation in their industrial development.

The rapid democratisation of Hungary's politics, the less dramatic but real political reforms enacted in Poland and the progressive openings of glasnost in the Soviet Union have raised hopes and stimulated democratic and nationalist movements. The most exciting political struggles today are inside the Communist countries of Eastern Europe, where reformers vie with Stalinists or Brezhnevists for control of the future.

In Western Europe, discussion focuses on Mikhail Gorbachev's economic and social failures and on his diplomatic successes. West Europeans worry aloud that his

reforms are still reversible, but they fear that his diplomatic victories might be permanent.

There is a widespread view that the goals of Soviet foreign policy are to separate West Germany from the new Europe and the new Europe from the United States, leaving West Germany and Europe unprotected.

Anxiety about the West German role in the new Europe was, of course, heightened by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's demand that the United States negotiate the removal of short-range nuclear weapons from German soil. But this proposed denuclearisation is only one facet of resurgent concern about a resurgent Germany. The depolarisation on East-West relations recreates the possibility of a Central Europe, and there is no question about who is the dominant power in Central Europe.

West German economic power is viewed as awesome. West German economic penetration of

Eastern Europe has already enhanced it. West Europeans — and some East Europeans — scare themselves with images of a powerful, reunified, neutral Germany dominating Central — and perhaps Eastern — Europe.

Manifestly, Europe is in flux. And that means that American foreign policy in the region is in flux. West German reluctance to accept nuclear weapons threatens NATO's "forward strategy," the centerpiece of which is the defence of Germany. The United States could not conceivably maintain large numbers of exposed, outnumbered U.S. troops in Germany without nuclear protection.

Of course, a reformed democratic Soviet Union would dismantle its huge conventional and unconventional forces and would constitute a threat to no one. But the Soviet Union is not so reformed, and it has not yet begun serious reductions in military forces and military budgets.

Confronting all this change, what should the United States do?

First, it should remember that maintaining American troops in Europe is a burden and not a privilege. In fact, it is not clear that today's rich, technologically advanced Europe requires the kind and amount of protection that the United States has provided since World War II. A united Europe could surely provide a greatly strengthened European "pillar" for the defence of its own independence.

It is a hopeful time. I believe that Americans should enjoy rather than fear the changes under way in Eastern and Western Europe. America cannot control these processes and need not try. It should instead spend its time reflecting on what it is like to live in a world with multiple power centers and multiple competitors, for that is what tomorrow will be — Los Angeles Times.

## Iranian leaders wrangle over who will succeed Khomeini

By Ed Blanche

The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iran's leaders have set to work once again on who Iran's supreme leader will be after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini dies. The latest signs are that he may be replaced by more than one man.

The leadership question was thrown wide open last month after Khomeini forced his designated heir, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, to resign following his criticism of Iranian policies.

Khomeini, 88 and ailing, then named a 20-man committee of Iran's leading political, clerical and legal figures to settle the leadership question and to draft amendments to the December 1979 revolutionary constitution. Indications are that since no one appears to have the charisma or religious authority of the aging revolutionary patriarch, the committee could decide that Iran should be led in the future by a council of three to five men.

Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is the frontrunner in presidential elections later this year, is one likely member of the collective leadership, which presumably would embrace Iran's various factions.

He secured an important endorsement last month from Tehran's Etefaat daily, whose publisher, Mahmoud Doaii, is

close to Khomeini. He declared: "Mr. Rafsanjani has the qualifications to head a leadership council."

Foreign analysts say other possible candidates are likely to include Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, radical chairman of the 83-member assembly of experts; Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, a leading member of the 13-man council of guardians; chief justice Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili, a centrist; and Khomeini's son Ahmad, a key power-broker who is showing increasing signs of political ambitions after years in his father's shadow.

In naming the committee to study the future of Iran's leadership, Khomeini said the constitution contained "imperfections and flaws." He did not specify these, but warned that any delay in the amendments would bring "plagues and bitter consequences for the country and the revolution."

One of the constitutional committee's tasks is to decide whether to scrap or downgrade the post of prime minister and broaden the executive powers of the presidency.

The committee is expected to present its recommendations in advance of the presidential elections to be held between July 22 and Aug. 22, before incumbent Ali Khamenei's second four-year

term expires in September. He cannot run for a third term. The committee's recommendations will then go to a nationwide referendum at about the same time as the presidential voting.

The two votes will affect both the future course of Khomeini's decade-old Islamic revolution and the power of the country's theocracy, which radicals fear is in danger from the liberalisation sought by more moderate leaders.

These concerns have fuelled a radical resurgence in Iran in the wake of the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the war with Iraq. There have been purges of so-called "liberals" and the execution of hundreds of political dissidents.

The current swing toward the anti-Western radicals dates from Feb. 14, when Khomeini issued his death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel, "The Satanic Verses."

But Khomeini has been known to throw his weight behind one faction or another every few months in a delicate balancing act that prevents any group from becoming too powerful.

Some analysts suspect Khomeini may already be swinging back toward Rafsanjani's so-called pragmatists. The only declared candidate in the presidential elections so far is

Rafsanjani. He is supported by the hard-pressed middle class, the powerful "bazaaris," or merchant community, and some of the conservative religious establishment.

The populist speaker polled 1.3 million votes in last year's parliamentary elections, the highest single tally in the ballot.

Hard-line Prime Minister Hussein Musavi has declared he will not run for president. But other radicals may yet join the contest.

Khamenei, who backs Rafsanjani, noted that the leaders who drew up the constitution after Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was ousted sought to ensure that "power could be dispersed and not concentrated, in view of their bitter experience of the concentration of power under the former regime."

"Now the country needs strong managers with enough powers during the post-war reconstruction period and this necessitates the revision of the constitution," Khamenei said.

The radicals oppose centralising power. But Ayatollah Abolqassem Khazari, an influential figure, noted last week: "Some powers should be concentrated... there can be no move toward a dictatorship."

The radical revival torpedoed Rafsanjani's efforts to build

bridges with the West to end Iran's isolation and left him politically exposed.

But the speaker, one of the shrewdest figures in Iran who has survived earlier reverses, has in recent weeks publicly taken a much more radical position, protecting his flanks from hard-line rivals led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

For instance, he was quoted earlier this month as saying that if Islamic militants killed Britons,

Frenchmen and Americans in retaliation for the deaths of Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territories, Israel's repression of Palestinians would cease. Rafsanjani later said he had not meant to encourage such slayings.

How long he will identify with the radicals is open to question. He has changed positions many times in the last decade, trimming his sails to the prevailing political winds until he is able to reassess himself.

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Nelly Lamm

## LETTERS

### Baffling

To the Editor:

FORGIVE my ignorance, but will someone explain to me what is the link between a Jordanian reader's view of the treatment of Jews during World War II in Nazi Germany and relations between Jordan and West Germany. While the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany has the right to respond to and refute the allegation made in Mr. George Khoury's letter, it fails me to understand what role the Palesti-

nian problem and Amman-Bonn relations have to do with the issue.

Furthermore, since when does a reader's view "poison the atmosphere of friendship and cooperation" between two countries? By the same token, it is also baffling to see the logic behind equating a letter to the editor in a newspaper with a "pamphlet" since it is clear that the opinion expressed in such a letter is strictly that of the writer.

Rudina Khalil

Amman

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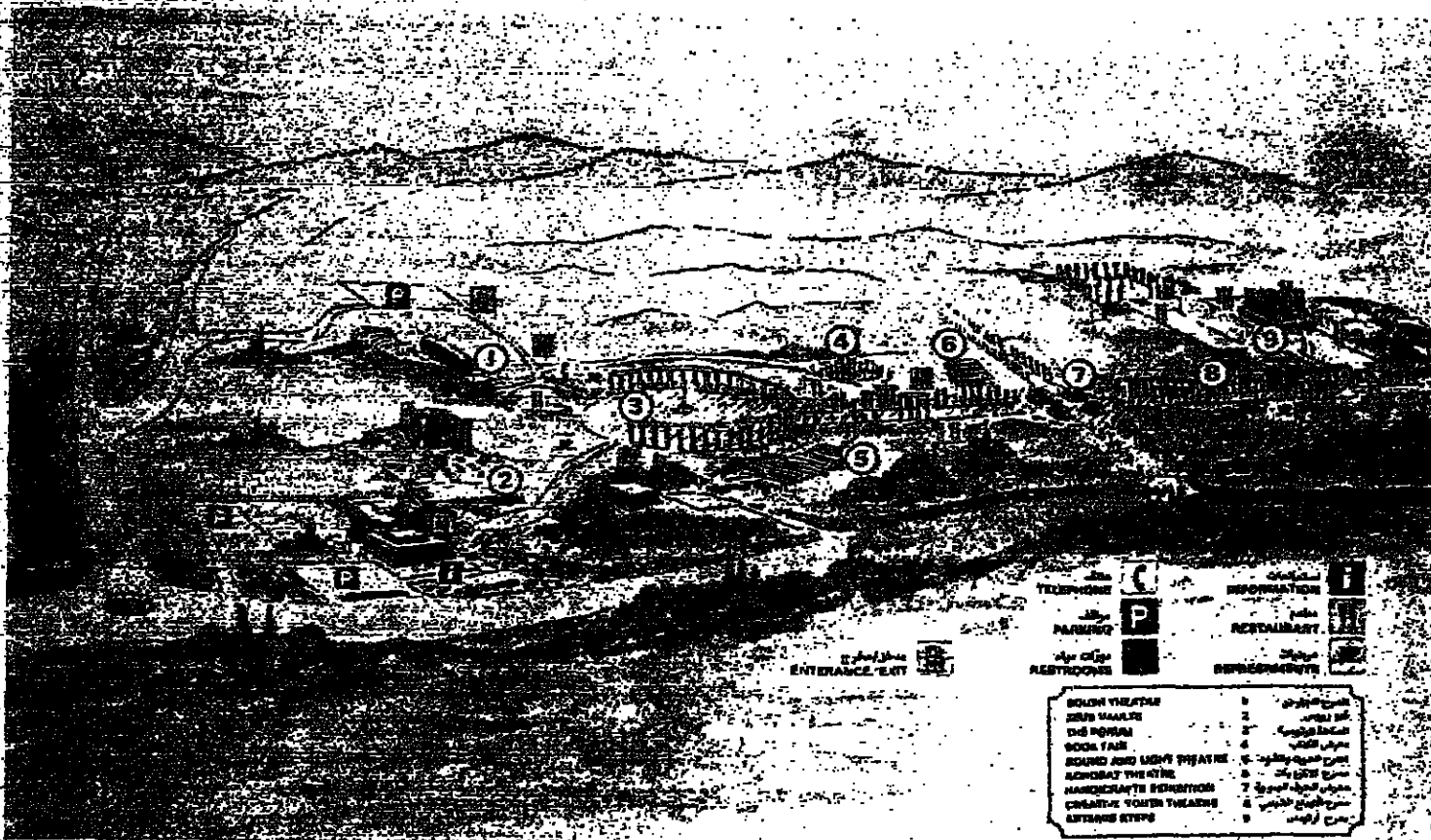
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## Jerash — summer of a lifetime

By Mariam M. Shahin  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "Come to Jordan for the summer of a lifetime," is the motto on the Jerash Festival brochures distributed all over the Arabian Gulf, Europe, the Far East and the United States. With an unprecedented publicity campaign, the 1989 Jerash Festival is expected to be the best attended festival to date, organisers say.

The July 5-July 20 festival comes at a time when Jordan has made visible and strenuous efforts to promote its tourism industry in an attempt to generate additional revenue for the country, among other things.

This year's festival director, Akram Masarweh, points out that 1989 is the first year that the Jerash Festival has been actively promoted outside of Jordan and the Middle East.

The national carrier, Royal Jordanian (RJ), which was appointed last year as the representative of the Ministry of Tourism abroad, has produced a wide variety of promotional material covering all aspects of the festival.

Ten different travel packages aimed at nine Arab countries, mostly in the Gulf, were put together in an attempt to lure the citizens and expatriates living in these countries into attending the festival. RJ went so far as to produce individualised brochures for each country.

The brochures in the packages cite the tour prices in the respective country's currency, rather

than in Jordanian dinars or American dollars so that potential visitors get a feeling of "familiarity."

The impression of a reader of a brochure gets is that the festival has been arranged for his or her own benefit, Masarweh asserts.

He points out that the air fare, cost of accommodation and festival tickets themselves have been kept at an "absolute minimum" in an attempt to make the festival affordable to a larger number of people.

"We are just barely covering the overheads," he said.

According to Masarweh, the festival is not meant to be a commercial project as such, but rather a cultural activity where Jordanians and non-Jordanians alike will have an opportunity to create and maintain cultural links with one another.

"This year, the aim is also to promote Jordan as a touristic place, and with the tremendous group effort that has been exerted, this is what the result is likely to be," he told the Jordan Times this week.

The festival's target groups range from those likely to stop over in Jordan for a few days on their way from the Gulf to Europe, Europeans and Americans looking for an inexpensive Oriental vacation and to Japanese globe-trotters some of whom are expected to come all the way from Japan to see the famous shobichu in Jerash's South Theatre.

"The air fare and hotel rates are such that it would be worth

coming from the Gulf even for the weekend," according to Masarweh. "As for Europe, the Far East and the Americas, I doubt that the tourists will find a more colourful, packaged vacation anywhere."

The Jerash programmes have been drawn up to accommodate fans of both Arabic and foreign cultures. Every evening a major attraction will be an Arab or foreign event. French and Russian ballet troupes will perform as well as folklore groups from Trinidad and the United States among other countries. Egypt's contribution will include an Arabic play entitled "Salome," while Lebanon's Rabee Al Khooli and Morocco's Samira Sa'ed are likely to please the crowds with their popular songs.

For those who cannot afford to pay the maximum price of JD 4 per performance, a free-of-charge performance will be held at the Jerash Forum every evening. Performances staged at that forum will range from local bands and theatre groups to a folkloric troupe from Indonesia, a Spanish dance group and a clown show from the United Kingdom.

The Jordan Express Tourist Transport (JETT) has concluded an agreement with the Jerash Festival organisers to provide three buses daily to Jerash. The first bus will be leaving for Jerash at five in the afternoon and the last bus to Amman will be leaving after the last show ends at midnight. The round trip fare will be

JD 1.5.

Entrance fee is JD 1 for adults and 250 fils for children but buying a ticket for a particular event exempts attendants from the entry fee.

Catering will be handled by Royal Jordanian rather than by several food entrepreneurs as in previous years.

The Jerash Festival organisers have invited a large group of journalists specialised in travel and culture writing from major newspapers and magazines to cover the event worldwide. Those include almost every major publication in the Arab World as well as Europe, Asia and the Americas. Television reporters and freelance journalists and photographers have also been invited.

Masarweh points out that in drawing up the list of journalists, a group of researchers was assigned to investigate which appropriate journalists should be invited to cover the festival.

"A lot of effort has gone into the preparations for this year's festival," he said. "We have tried to make it as organised as possible and in so doing, we have paid attention to every detail."

"All those who have taken part in the organisation of the festival have given of their time and effort selflessly... starting with those who drew the first sketches of the posters to those who will be working as volunteers during the festival. There will continue to be an unprecedented spirit of cooperation which will now be doubly visible in the expected success of the festival," he concluded.

## Japanese master to introduce Ohara School of Ikebana to Jordanians

By Nelly Lama  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Japanese art has, since the beginning of the century, received great acclaim in Europe and the United States. Japanese interior decoration; woodcuts (graphic prints), origami (folding paper into sculptures, etc. forms), Japanese ceramics, etc., have all been studied, adapted and developed by the West. Yet, the art that seems to have entered most households in the world is the art of Ikebana, or Japanese flower arrangement. Jordan, of course, is no exception. Many Jordanian ladies have had the good fortune of joining one or more courses of Ikebana given by the various clubs and associations in Jordan, or were exceptionally lucky to have a Japanese teacher offer the course here in Amman.

Such an opportunity seems to have come up once more with the arrival of Mr. Masatoshi Tomita, first term master of the Ohara School of Ikebana, to Amman. He is about to give three courses, lasting six weeks, about the Ohara School of Ikebana, the concept of which was devised by the headmaster Ushin Ohara, a sculptor who was adept at flower arrangement. He designed and fired the low flat wide-surfaced containers for the many colourful flowers of the West. He founded the Ohara School of Flower Arrangement at the end of the 19th Century and with it, the history of Ikebana took on new dimensions.

After the death of Ushin in 1916 the second headmaster was Koun Ohara who, apart from inheriting Ushin's artistic skills, was a great organiser. He systematised everything, even determining the length of the stems to be used; he modernised teaching methods explaining the system with step-by-step illustrations. After the Second World War, Houn Ohara, third headmaster, was the first to hold a flower exhibition amid postwar confusion as a symbol for peace persuading the people that there were finer things in life to appreciate.

With new floral materials and an admirably creative spirit, he succeeded in elevating Ikebana from the level of a purely decorative element of everyday life to its acceptance as a major art form. He presides today over the Japan Ikebana Association, while his son Natsuki bears the title of Fourth Headmaster Designate. With main offices in Tokyo and Kobe, Ohara centres in New York and Sao Paulo, nearly 50 chapters outside of Japan and over 160 chapters within Japan, the Ohara school has about 130,000 teachers with over 1,000,000 students throughout the world.

It is, therefore, imperative to realise the seriousness of Ikebana, as well as its spiritual and aesthetic connotations. When it started thirteen centuries ago, Ikebana was part of a Buddhist ritual and originated as a floral offering to the dead. As this art form submitted to complete Japanese religious, its religious connotation was lost and the teaching of "naturalism" was emphasised.

With time, Ikebana forms changed and many schools were established offering a variety of styles that kept certain common features. These essential features, common to all schools, are the sufficiency of space between the materials, a characteristic asymmetry that gives the arrangement the essential aesthetic touch so typical of the Japanese culture, and the harmony created in correctly spacing flowers and branches. Materials may include all parts of the plant: branches, leaves, flowers, fruits, even vegetables. Flower buds and withered flowers may be as valuable as a flower in bloom.

Ikebana usually uses up very few materials, sometimes one flower is enough, but the selection needs an experienced eye and making it look great requires advanced technique. That is why, even the most experienced lady in flower arrangement can see the need for an opportunity like Mr. Masatoshi's course (which caters for both beginners and advanced Ikebana artists. Two-hour sessions are given at three different times of the day, Monday through Thursday, from May 13 to June 24).

Mr. Masatoshi started studying Ikebana of the Ohara school in Tokyo in 1964 and went on receiving higher honours, getting more advanced and finally establishing or simply enhancing the different Ohara chapters around the world. These cover North,

Central, and South America, some parts of Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Australia, the which he went in the company of headmaster Houn Ohara.

Ohara School of Ikebana depends on two main forms: Moribana, which employs flat, shallow containers, and Heika, which employs tall thin ones. Each of these includes an upright style, full of dignity; it brings out the beauty of straight vertical plants like chrysanthemums. A slanting style that heightens the natural graceful line of slanting or drooping flowers; a cascading style for plants whose fruits hang heavy. This is a very attractive style with plants cascading over the vase. A heavenly style capitalising on the vertical line of the material: here the flowers are grouped into the centre of the container, bringing a balanced effect and helping the arrangement to soar upwards.

And finally, a contrasting style which uses branches spreading gracefully to the left and right with the arrangement centred in the middle of the container. Moribana also includes the one row style which is constructed in a different manner than others. The main flower (subject) and the secondary one are placed at opposite ends of a long container with the shortest flower (the object) in the centre in order to give a serial effect where no depth is necessary.

It is only through constant practice with different materials

that the student can get a feel for the materials and grasp their specific arrangement, whether classic or free-style, or be able to devise the colour scheme or to decide on the line or form. He has to learn to follow new styles such as the landscape arrangement (the creation of a natural landscape in a container), the Rimpa arrangement (inspired by the paintings of the Rimpa school (mainly floral and plant motifs), the Bunjin arrangement (rooted in the Literati style of the Edo period) or the Hanamani (dancing of flowers) introduced by the Ohara school in 1985.

Students can advance to higher levels according to the school's curriculum under the watchful eye of Mr. Masatoshi who will re-arrange and criticise the students' initial arrangements and drawn design studies done with mathematical measures seen from a frontal view, a side view and a bird's eye view, thus containing the positive and negative space in the manner of sculpture in the round — notwithstanding the fact that line rather than colour or form is the most essential feature of Japanese Ikebana.

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## 'Festival of the Continents'

By Ingelore Winter

BONN (DaD) — The traditional Bonn summer arts festival, featuring large- and small-scale performances, throughout the summer season on the streets and squares of the West German capital, will be something special this year. As part of the celebrations held to mark the 2,000th anniversary of what was once an ancient Roman city, the people of Bonn, including 10,000 diplomats from 160 countries, will witness a "Festival of the Continents." Between May and September music and dance companies from over 60 countries and all five continents — over 700 performers in all — will take part in 10 large-scale spectacles. The colourful festival programme, of which highlights will be seen on an open-air stage specially built on the Marktplatz with the Baroque facade of the city's Rathaus in the background, will be accompanied by a rich and varied range of culinary fare.

Residents and visitors alike will thrill to the sound and sight of Latin American samba dancing, traditional African dances performed on stilts, folk music from South-East Asia and a typically

American "Bonn Birthday Party" to be held early in August by the U.S. embassy.

India is sending masked dancers, and Pakistan a folk song and dance company. Malaysia will feature a traditional dance drama of the kind that used to be performed at the sultan's palace. Soviet Azerbaijan is sending choral singers, Thailand folk music and dance from up-country. Visitors will be equally delighted by Chinese and Japanese fireworks displays.

Bonn this summer will also be hosting folk groups from Africa and the Arab World, while Latin America will feature singers and dancers from Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, Trinidad, Venezuela and Surinam. Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are jointly holding a Scandinavian summer festival in Bonn, while Mediterranean Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and Cyprus will do their joint best to ensure that the "Festival of the Continents" is the greatest international arts spectacular Bonn has seen in the past 2,000 years.

In July 130 acrobats and clowns and 25 groups from all over Europe will converge on Bonn for the largest-scale festival of

street theatre ever held in Germany. Several hundred participants in the European Youth Drama Workshop will make their contribution to the festival at the same time. Other events will range from a Unicef children's festival and a modern ballet event to an international film festival.

In May the city will host the 2000 Club, a group of 10 cities in the German-speaking world that

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# Iranian black economy thrives

DUBAI (Agencies) — Rent for a modest two-bed flat in Tehran can be twice the monthly salary of the average worker and a pair of jeans costs the equivalent of two weeks' wages.

Iranians living in the Gulf and independent economists draw a picture of Iran as a country where the man-in-the-street must swim the muddy waters of the unofficial economy to survive.

In Iran, the black economy has become the real economy as confusion over official policy continues. State finances float precariously on a limited pool of oil which buys scarce foreign exchange.

"Most people cannot live on their real wages, so they join in with the black economy," said one Iranian.

"If you have a car, then after your day's work you can go out as a taxi driver to earn some more," said another Iranian.

Iran has become increasingly politically isolated this year as it follows a strict course of Islamic idealism, nurtured by spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's deep distrust of moral and economic liberalisation.

Sources close to Iranian parliamentarians say the leadership is well aware that it must tackle the strains within the economy but that little can be done until there is greater political centralisation. Outside political analysts believe Iran may be able to chart a clearer course after presidential elections in August, which Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani appears set to win.

Iran's problem is most dramatically reflected in a black market exchange rate for its currency, the rial, that is now approaching 24 times the official rate.

In nearby Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, which Iranian merchants use as an outlet for non-oil trade, the street rate for rials last week was as high as 1,500 to the dollar.

An average worker in Iran earns 50,000 to 70,000 rials a month. A doctor on a government salary perhaps 100,000.

Rent on a two-bed flat in Tehran is typically 70,000 to 100,000 rials a month.

Travellers say a pair of jeans costs 30,000 rials and a kilogram of meat 3,000. The home-made Paykan car has gone up in price 25 times in 10 years to nine million rials.

The fact that Iran's economy has become priced on the real value of the dollar can be seen by dividing these prices by the black market rate — jeans at 20, meat at \$2 and a car for \$6,000, the economists said.

The leadership has issued conflicting signals to its citizens, who have become wary of ostentatious free enterprise after 10 years of Islamic revolutionary attacks on capitalism.

In the past month, a top-level advisory council recommended that some state-owned firms be privatised for efficiency's sake. Outside economists estimate more than 90 per cent of the corporate economy is controlled by the state.

In two weeks time, the government has said it will impose a 15 to 40 per cent sliding scale wealth tax on people with assets of 100 million rials and over.

With a typical house in north Tehran valued at up to 20 million, Iranians estimate one in 10 of the country's 50 million people will be eligible for the tax.

"But it will be very difficult to manage. And that is how inflation will rise further," said an Iranian businessman.

Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said in March that inflation was running above 23 per cent a year. But independent economists said that figure appeared to cover only basic living costs.

The government relies almost exclusively on oil earnings for foreign exchange. Oil accounts for more than 90 per cent of export earnings and economists

forecast these anywhere up to \$12 billion this year, depending on world oil prices.

Iran to resume gas exports to USSR next year

To boost earnings, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh last week agreed to resume annual exports of 2-3 billion cubic metres of natural gas to the Soviet Union starting next year. He said that Iran would like to use the Soviet Union as a transit point for gas sales to other European countries.

Export of Iranian gas to the USSR was halted in 1980 over a price dispute.

Aqazadeh said that sales of natural gas were important in upgrading relations between the two countries. A string of cooperation agreements have been signed recently.

The Soviets have agreed to help rebuild the giant Isfahan steel complex, manufacture hydroelectric plants, and construct oil platforms in the Caspian Sea.

The Isfahan steel complex, built by the Soviets in the 1970s, was all but destroyed by Iraqi air attacks.

The Soviet Union also looks to benefit from a resurgence of anti-Western sentiment in Iran.

Shipping line to operate in Caspian Sea in June

As an example, a joint Soviet-Iranian shipping line in the Caspian Sea will begin operations next June to carry goods from the Soviet port of Baku to the Iranian ports of Anzali and Nowshahr, Tehran Radio has reported.

The joint network will comprise two ships from each country, and will transport 400,000 tonnes of goods to Iran annually, the radio said.

The first ship will leave Baku for an Iranian port next month, to coincide with Rafsanjani's planned visit to Moscow, the radio said.

Iran will also buy two ships from the Soviet Union, according to the radio.

In addition, Iranian trucks will be allowed to pass through Soviet territory on their way to other European countries, the radio said.

The Soviet Union will also help Iran electrify its railroads, build the Mashad-Sarakhs-Tajan railway in northeastern Iran, and build border checkpoints at Sarakhs and Tajan, the radio said.

The latest contracts follow a string of agreements signed by Moscow and Tehran in recent months.

Promising sustained support

## IMF esteems Jordan's courageous, comprehensive adjustments

AMMAN (R) — Jordan is tackling its economic crisis bravely and will get sustained IMF support if it implements agreed reforms, an IMF official said.

"Jordan's reform programme is courageous and comprehensive," Shaakour Shaalan, director of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) Middle East department, told Reuters in an interview.

"We have little doubt of their understanding of what needs to be done and that they will carry it out in a sustainable way," he noted.

Shaalan, an Egyptian, said Jordan had a foreign debt of \$8 billion. Payments of just over \$1 billion are due this year but the repayment burden will ease slightly in 1990, he said.

Bankers estimate the debt at about 225 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).

The total debt was put previously at \$6 to \$6.5 billion. The government of Sharif Zaid bin Shaker has released no

details on public finances since it took office April 27. Bankers say military spending accounts for about half the debt.

Shaalan said the IMF management approved a letter of intent on Jordan's reform plan about 10 days ago. It would be presented to the fund's executive board at the end of June or beginning of July.

Disbursement of IMF facilities worth about \$125 million could then begin and Jordan could apply to the Paris Club of creditors to reschedule government-guaranteed debt.

Shaalan said Jordan began the reform process itself. After talks in March and April, the IMF agreed to back the plan with its resources and help with rescheduling.

It was also hoped that friendly countries would give Jordan additional help over and above debt rescheduling, he said.

Arab donors have announced no new aid for Jordan since a 10-year pact, under which they

were to pay \$1.25 billion a year, expired last year. Actual aid fell far short of this.

"The Jordanians had relied on aid to a great extent and these masked some problems," Shaalan said. "When the aid began to decline, they could have reacted a few years earlier but perhaps they expected the high level of aid to resume."

He said the reform plan was a collaborative effort between Jordan, the IMF, the World Bank and commercial banks.

"The object of the programme is to accept the reality that Jordan was living beyond its means for too long," Shaalan said.

"They spent more than their income. Now they realise they should depend on their own resources and must put their own house in order," he stressed.

Asked if the dinar's present fixed exchange rate of 540 fils to the dollar could stay, he said: "We feel the present level is appropriate given the policies that have been implemented."

The IMF did not oppose Jordan's plan to spend more than \$100 million on basic food subsidies this year, he said. "The IMF is not against subsidies as such. We are extremely

sensitive to (the need to) target whatever subsidies are needed... (to safeguard)... the living standards of low-income groups."

The fund's main concern was cutting the budget deficit and ensuring that subsidies did not lead to wastage likely to frustrate their original purpose.

Bankers say Jordan had a budget deficit of 200 to 300 million dinars (\$370 to \$550 million) in 1988, but full official figures are not available. It also ran a trade deficit of more than \$1 billion.

They estimate that the dinar devaluation and declining Arab aid and remittances have cut per capita income to around \$1,200 from about \$2,000 in 1987.

"I was not expecting the riots. I personally have doubts that they were totally related to the price increases," Shaalan said.

He said it was vital for any government trying to implement an IMF-type austerity plan to explain it properly to the people.

"For any programme to succeed the people have to understand why the measures are being taken," he declared.

If it makes people suffer

## Khartoum rejects IMF medicine

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, his huge country racked by civil war and natural disasters, said Thursday he would not agree to IMF cures for the economy if they made life harder for the people.

"We are still talking to the IMF (International Monetary Fund), but we will not enter any agreement unless it is based on what the Sudanese economy can endure," Mahdi said.

"It is not acceptable, in my view, to solve the present economic problems at the expense of the people because they don't have enough," he noted.

Sudan, Africa's largest country, has a foreign debt estimated by Western economists at \$14 billion and an inflation rate of 80 per cent a year.

Many of the country's 25 million people face intermittent shortages of basic items and in some areas have virtually no

essential services.

The IMF, in on-off talks with Sudan, pressed for a range of politically-sensitive reforms such as spending cuts, unifying a double-tier foreign exchange system and privatising loss-making state enterprises.

Mahdi said the country, which owes the IMF about \$1 billion in arrears, could not commit itself to IMF-inspired policies unless it was able to cut spending.

He ruled out a devaluation of the Sudanese pound, saying this would have to be accompanied by other measures such as spending cuts.

But he said attempts to cut spending were dependent on factors such as the cost of the civil war, rehabilitation work after floods last August and wage rises agreed last December.

"A country at war cannot have a normal economy," he said. "We are facing exceptional circumstances and we cannot reform the economy unless we can protect it from those circumstances."

Mahdi said Sudan's foreign debt, which Khartoum has not been able to service since the early 1980s, added to the country's economic problems.

"Our foreign debt is preventing us from receiving any credit facilities abroad. This is crippling us," he said.

The Sudanese pound has an official exchange rate of 4.5 to the dollar. A parallel rate, currently 12.2 pounds to the dollar, was introduced in October to try to encourage Sudanese working abroad to send home their savings.

But the success of the parallel rate has been undermined by the black market rate, now 20 pounds to the dollar.

Referring to the floods, Mahdi said Sudan had not yet received \$300 million pledged by the World Bank to help ravaged areas. He put the cost of damage there at 14 billion pounds (\$3.1 billion).

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Delegation of the European Communities in Amman has moved to its new offices in Shmeisani opposite the Arab Potash Company. There will be no change in the Delegation's telephone, telex and telefax numbers.

The Delegation will be closed on Sunday and Monday (21, 22 May) and will reopen on Tuesday 23 May 1989.

**TO THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY IN JORDAN**

All the Brazilian citizens living in Jordan, aged 16 or more, bearers of valid Brazilian passports, are requested to report to the Brazilian Embassy, Consular section, as soon as possible, up to the end of May, in order to be registered in a cadaster to be able to vote at the Embassy for the coming presidential elections in Brazil.

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### ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

**World Bank stresses quality of life**

ISTANBUL (R) — World Bank President Barber Conable said Thursday the bank was implementing a new policy which sought to end poverty and increase the quality of life in countries it helps. "Early in the 1980s we worked almost entirely on economic growth, but... (now) our major intention is to reduce poverty... to increase the quality of life," he told Reuters in an interview. Conable said the bank, which used to tie its loans to monetary considerations, introduced the policy-six months ago.

**Alitalia pilots call off strikes**

ROME (R) — Alitalia airline pilots Thursday called off plans to hold six days of strikes this month, their unions said. The May 29-31 strikes had been called to press demands for improved pay and working conditions. The unions cancelled them after meetings with Alitalia management.

### AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Thursday, May 18, 1989 Central Bank official rates				
Buy	Sell			
U.S. dollar	538.0	542.0		
Pound Sterling	867.3	877.8		
Deutschemark	272.8	276.5		
Swiss franc	305.7	309.5		
French franc	80.6	81.6		
Japanese yen (for 100)	386.5	390.6		
			Dutch guilder	242.1 245.1
			Swedish crown	80.9 81.8
			Italian lira (for 100)	37.4 37.9
			Belgian franc (for 10)	130.3 132.0

### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling	1.6168/78	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.1895/905	Canadian dollar	
	1.9685/92	Deutschemark	
	2.2175/85	Dutch guilders	
	1.7550/60	Swiss francs	
	41.19/22	Belgian francs	
	6.6620/70	French francs	
	1434/1435	Italian lire	
	138.72/82	Japanese yen	
	6.6430/80	Swedish crowns	
	7.0960/1010	Norwegian crowns	
	7.6650/700	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	366.40/366.80	U.S. dollars	

### WORLD STOCK MARKETS

By Reuters

SYDNEY — Bond group companies saw sharp rises but the All Ordinaries index closed just 0.3 of a point higher at 1,561.3.

TOKYO — Prices closed moderately higher in light trading. Most investors were unwilling to move before the weekend and were concerned about a possible Bank of Japan discount rate rise. The Nikkei index rose 144.65 to 34,000.98.

HONG KONG — The Hang Seng index plunged more than 100 points on growing fears that the confrontation between Peking students and leaders was coming to a head. The index tumbled 132.03 to 3,145.63.

SINGAPORE — Market closed for holiday.

BOMBAY — Prices drifted lower in light trading after the market opened firm. Brokers said financial institutions moved to the sidelines after Thursday's brief bout of bargain-hunting.

FRANKFURT — Shares ended higher in professional-dominated trading, as the spotlight stayed on speciality stocks and possible takeover candidates. The DAX index rose 6.43 to 1,350.41.

ZURICH — Prices closed steady to higher. Selected leading stocks gained ground, boosted by recent bullish corporate news and a decline in short-term Eurofranc deposit rates. The all-share Swiss index rose three to 1,006.9.

PARIS — Prices were steady in thin volume, with no fresh direction from April inflation data in line with forecasts.

LONDON — The FTSE 100 share index reached the psychological important 2,200-point level in the afternoon for the first time since the October 1987 market crash. At 1352 GMT the FTSE index was up 22.9 to 2,200.2.

NEW YORK — A strong gain in bond prices helped stocks extend an earlier advance. The Dow in mid-morning was up 14 at 2,494.



## JSFH receives Australian gifts

AMMAN (J.T.) — Chief Chamberlain and President of the Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped (JSFH) Prince Ra'd bin Zaid Monday will receive Australian Ambassador Robert Bowker who will present a collection of books, bulletins, and video films to the JSFH on the sports of the handicapped. During the meeting the Australian ambassador will be briefed on the various services the JSFH presents to the handicapped.

## JOC convenes

AMMAN (Petra) — The board of the Jordanian Olympic Committee (JOC) held a meeting Wednesday under the chairmanship of Youth Minister Awad Khleifat and discussed a number of issues on the agenda. The board agreed to form a technical committee to study Jordan's participation in the Asia Sporting activities and the games due to be held in Barcelona. The board also approved the JOC budget for last year and discussed the proposed budget for 1989.

## The ABC of courage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Football star Dexter Manley told a U.S. senate panel Thursday that he has finally overcome childhood rejection and gained self-respect since seeking help three years ago to learn to read and write.

Manley, a defensive end for the Washington Redskins, graduated from Houston schools and completed all but 45 hours of undergraduate work at Oklahoma State University despite a severe learning disability.

He enrolled in night classes at Washington's lab school three years ago after seeing teammate Joe Theismann felled by a broken leg during a game.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Heysel defendants will be retried

BRUSSELS (AP) — All British soccer fans and most other people tried for playing a role in the 1985 Heysel stadium riots will be retried, a spokesman for the Brussels prosecutor said Thursday. Fourteen Liverpool supporters were sentenced and 11 acquitted in the six-month-long trial which ended on April 28. Thirty-nine people died on May 29 in Heysel stadium when riots broke out before the European Cup soccer final between Liverpool of Britain and Juventus Turin of Italy. Most victims were Italian. The 14 British fans, who were sentenced to a partly suspended three-year jail term for involuntary manslaughter but returned to England, have appealed against the verdict, the spokesman for the prosecutor said. The relative of one of the riot victims, however, has appealed against the acquittal of the other 11 English fans, the source said, and is likely to be joined in his appeal by the prosecutor. The Belgian police officer convicted for dereliction of duty at the Heysel stadium also appealed against the court judgment while the prosecutor appealed against the acquittal of another police officer.

### Le Mans taken out of championship

PARIS (AP) — This year's Le Mans 24 hours auto race will not count for the world championship of sports prototype cars, the organizers and the International Automobile Federation (FIA) announced Thursday. Jean-Marie Balestre, the FIA president, and Raymond Gouloumes, President of the automobile club of the west, made the announcement in a joint statement concerning the race, scheduled June 10-11. "Taking into account the personality, specific nature and heritage of the Le Mans competition, it was decided by mutual agreement that it is in the interests of the event to remain outside the world championship for 1989," they said. Jean-Marie Desmues, spokesman for the Automobile Club of the West, known by its French initials ACO, said the two sides could not resolve their differences involved payment for television rights. He said the club counts on getting about 3 million francs (about \$450,000) for television production rights to cover costs of organizing the race. "Without it, it would be impossible to keep going," Desmues said. Yvon Leon, a member of the Sports Prototype Commission and the secretary general of FISA, the racing arm of the Sports Automobile Association, said there would be no comment from the association beyond the brief text of the communiqué.

### Magic Johnson: a tough series

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) — Magic Johnson has a prediction as the Los Angeles Lakers prepare for their National Basketball Association western conference finals meeting with the upstart Phoenix Suns. "It's going to be a tough series," Johnson said after the Lakers' practice session at the forum Thursday. "Phoenix does a lot of things well. They have an excellent transition game and great outside shooting. Kevin Johnson makes it work. He gets down the court so fast. It's going to be up-and-down basketball, that's for sure." The Lakers and Suns, who finished 1-2 in the NBA West this season and split their six regular-season meetings, begin their best-of-7 series, the final step to the NBA championship round, at the forum Saturday. Although Phoenix is winless in all five previous playoff appearances against Los Angeles, and hasn't won at the forum in five years, the Lakers almost certainly aren't going to take the Suns lightly. "They're not here by chance," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "They're here because they're talented and have beaten the pants off people."

### FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1989

## YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

by Thomas Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** The full moon jitters are here again today, along with major aspects that encourage pessimism and sensual desire. The Sun enters Gemini at 9:54 CDT. Avoid speculation today.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** You may need your referee talents in the morning, teaching talents in the afternoon, and romantic talents in the evening.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** You discover a negative flow of money and its consequences. Encourage and counsel siblings to report their activities honestly.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Communications hit a high point. Your birthday cycle begins with the sun's light influencing mental flexibility and creativity.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21)** Enjoy some garage sale mania! Keep activities light and simple. A secret desire is fulfilled. Expect the unexpected.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)** After pushing a lazy mood aside, you play catch-up most of the afternoon. Romantic involvement and sensual desire are featured later.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** This is your day to take action. An unexpected contact "makes your day" by bringing good news. Romance is featured.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Buy from reputable agents and dealers when making major investments. The social climate is warm and lighthearted.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** The full moon influences home life, meetings with others, partnerships and self-improvement. Explore future career possibilities.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** You feel that you must get out of the house — and you do! Your confidence is high. Do something different, unique and original.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Avoid noisy, crowded places that are irritating. Outdoor activities are favored along with short trips. Family plans are revised.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** A list of things to do will help when your memory takes a day off. Take care of house, and then you take the day off too.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Your emotions can become gridlocked when trying to please others. Be receptive and patient, and give others a chance to share.

## Dalglish finds niche in British hearts

LONDON (R) — For once the hearts of the nation will be with Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish as he leads out his team for Saturday's English F.A. Cup final against city rivals Everton.

Public perceptions of the tactician, publicity-shy Scot have altered dramatically since 95 Liverpool supporters were killed in a crowd surge during the semi-final at Sheffield's Hillsborough stadium last month.

Television cameras captured the anguish on his normally impassive face as he saw fans being taken away on stretchers.

Dalglish led his players with great dignity as they attended the funerals of victims and visited the injured in hospital.

The "saddest and most beautiful sight" he had ever seen was how Dalglish described the sea of flowers, scarves and mementoes which bedecked the goal area at the famous kop end of Liverpool's Anfield ground after Hillsborough. His behaviour has prompted a wave of sympathy for a man who never fully captured the imagination of the public despite a dazzling playing career with Glasgow Celtic and Liverpool and his successes as player-manager of Liverpool.

He took over at Anfield in the shadow of another tragedy — the Heysel disaster in which 39 fans died after violence at the Juventus-Liverpool European Cup final in 1985. Liverpool won the coveted English league and F.A. Cup "Double" in his first season in charge and have continued to enjoy success, yet Dalglish remained an enigmatic figure.

He is clearly a tough, determined manager, prepared to leave stars on the sidelines if tactics demand. His curt approach to the media has added to the image of a ruthless, insensitive individual.

Former team-mates give the lie to this, describing Dalglish as devoted to his wife and four young children.

Schoolboy friends say he was always very close to his own family as he grew up in a working-class area of Glasgow.

His parents supported him when he abandoned a joiner's apprenticeship and made the unusual step for a Protestant of signing for Catholic-dominated Celtic.

He made his Celtic debut in 1969 and won every major domestic honour in his eight years at the club.

A small yet powerful man, his close control and accurate passing were great assets, but his ability to "read" the game really marked him out, helping him scent gaps in opposition defences with an almost animal cunning.

When Liverpool sold Kevin Keegan in 1977 Dalglish was signed to replace him. If they fulfilled similar roles on the field the pair could hardly have differed more off it.

While Keegan had courted media adulation and enjoyed superstar status, Dalglish adopted a much lower profile, slipping quietly away after matches.

## Italian Open sees seeds drop Connors loses to youngster

ROME (R) — Jimmy Connors bowed out of the Italian Open tennis championships in the third round Thursday, beaten by a man half his age.

Spaniard Sergio Bruguera, who as a young child idolised Connors, thrashed the former world number one 6-1, 6-1 in the best win of his short career to reach the quarter-finals of the one-million-dollar tournament.

Fifth seeded Connors, at 36 only five years younger than Bruguera's father, seemed to be feeling his age after a tough three sets against Italian qualifier Massimo Cierro Wednesday evening.

"I had problems getting moving," the former U.S. Open, Wimbledon and Australian champion said. "I don't recover as well as I did before."

Bruguera, 18, lost to the American in three sets at the same stage of the West German Open last week.

"My father advised me to play more on his forehand, to move him a bit and to attack whenever possible," he said.

The teenager, ranked 81st in the world, heeded his father's advice, making Connors run from

went through to the last eight by beating Italian Diego Nargiso 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 Thursday.

Koevermans defeated Bruguera in straight sets in the semi-finals of the Casablanca tournament in March but said the Spaniard had improved since then.

"It will be a tough match because we have a similar game. It could last a long time," said Koevermans, ranked 101st in the world.

Tenth and 13th seeds Darren Cahill and Jaime Yzaga both joined Connors in going out to unseeded opposition as the third round continued on and off amid rain showers.

Australian Cahill, a semifinalist at the U.S. Open last year, was beaten 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 by Spanish giant-killer Jordi Arrese, who had already dispatched seventh seeded American Aaron Krickstein in the second round.

Cahill was unable to struggle back from 4-1 down in the second set and though he matched Arrese on a break in the third to keep the score running level, he was broken in the crucial 12th game when he failed to reach a return of serve.

Peruvian Yzaga, beaten by world number one Ivan Lendl in the final of the tournament of champions at Forest Hills 10 days ago, was unable to get the better of Italian wild card Omar Camporese and lost 6-3, 6-4.

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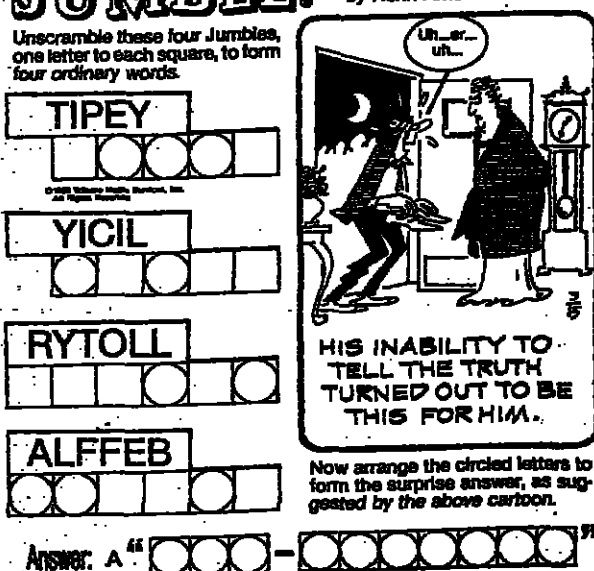
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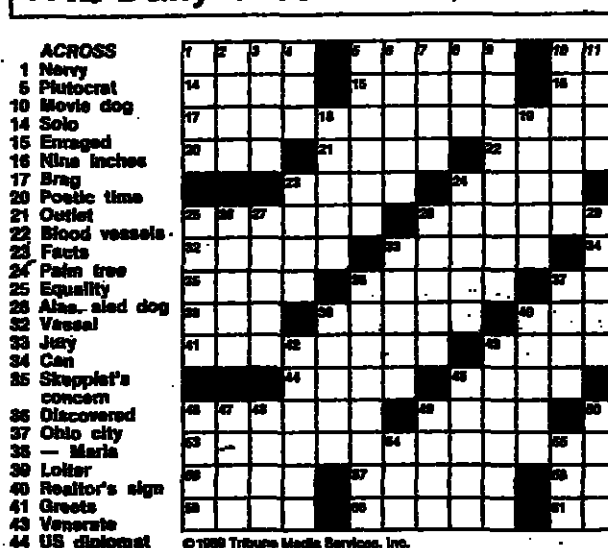
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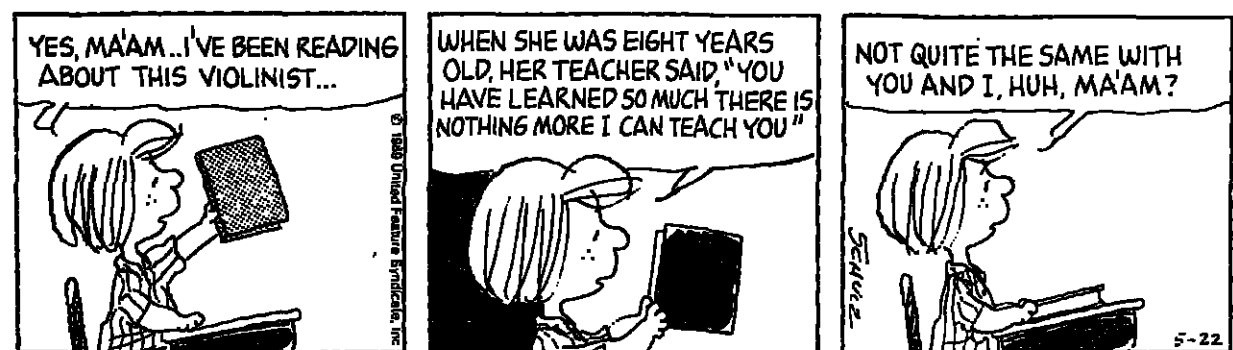
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24 Palm tree  
25 Quality  
26 Able, dead dog  
32 Vessel  
33 July  
34 Can  
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39 Loller  
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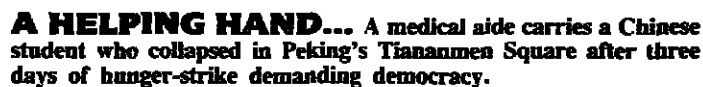
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**TOKYO (R)** — Japan's next premier may well be the elderly former chairman of a bankrupt shipping company, a ruling party veteran named Toshio Komoto, party insiders said Friday.

## UNESCO tries to

**NEW YORK (R)** — A United Nations agency established in 1945 to protect the "free exchange of ideas and knowledge" is threatening an American University Press with legal action to block publication of a book tracing the agency's 40-year relationship with the Soviet Union, it

Lawyers for the institute said, however, the contract between UNESCO and the institute gives either party the right to publish

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